(ix) Intentional flooding by water to quench the fire in some mines.

Apart from above actions, 13 schemes for dealing with fires and control of subsidence in BCCL have been sanctioned and funded by the Government. Out of these, 7 schemes have been completed. A Master Plan has also been prepared to deal with fires and control of subsidence in Jharia coalfield as a long term measure.

In CCL, various measures have been taken to extinguish and control the fire such as sealing off to cut oxygen supply, submerging with water, filling up with non-combustible material etc.

Deficiencies in NLC

2525. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been major deficiencies on the part of the Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC) in formulating the budgetary proposals and their budgets are lapsing year after year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there has been considerable mis-match between the financial targets and achievements in the Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC) and the track record of the NLC in achieving financial targets has been far from satisfaction; and

(c) if so, the measures taken by Government to project only realistic and achievable budget?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The mis-match in financial targets and achievements was mainly due to the fact that the new projects such as Mine II Expansion, TPS II Expansion and Barsingsar Mine and Thermal Power Plant were in the process of sanction in the Government.

(c) The above projects have now received Government's sanction. Therefore, the projections would now be more realistic. Monthly monitoring of the progress of expenditure is also being done by NLC and the Government.